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1. Should Herriot win the French presidential election and set up an anti-EDC government, the Communists have offered him;
 - a. Negotiated peace in Indochina, whereby French interests would be safeguarded. Moscow has promised pressure on Ho Chi Minh to achieve such a peace;
 - b. Non-intervention in French North African affairs. The French Communist Party would try to make the North African nationalist parties amenable to a compromise proposal now under study;
 - c. Continued efforts to keep the wage demands of labor on a reasonable level.
2. Herriot and Daladier are in constant touch with the Communist Party through the Conseil de la Paix and other contacts.

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